

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
LOK SABHA**

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Import of Crude Edible Oil

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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

- (a) the details of crude edible oil imported during each of the last three years and the current year, country-wise;
- (b) whether a sharp increase in import of crude edible oil has been noticed recently;
- (c) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether there is a demand from the farmers to enhance the import duty of edible oils; and
- (e) if so, the details thereof and the response of the Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD & PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION

(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a): The details of crude edible oil imported during each of the last three years and the current year, country-wise, as per Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCIS), are given in the table below:

(Qty in lakh tons)

COUNTRY-WISE IMPORT OF CRUDE VEGETABLE OIL

COUNTRY

2012-13 (F/Y)

2013-14 (F/Y)

2014-15 (F/Y)

2015-16(upto Sept"15) (F/Y)

ARGENTINA

8.19

10.92

17.27

12.59

BRAZIL

2.19

2.26

4.4

3.17

CANADA

0.16

0

0.07

0

INDONESIA

47.45

35.15

40.3

20.68

MALAYSIA

24.47

16.6

30.21

16.31

RUSSIA

0.1

0

0.56

0.06

THAILAND

0.31

1.97

0.9

0.05

U.A.E.

0.54

0.64

2.37
1.04
UKRAINE
11.07
10.75
17.28
7.18
OTHERS
1.28
0.73
1.81
1.51
TOTAL
95.76
79.02
115.17
62.59
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(b)&(c): There has been an increase in the import of crude edible oils from 79.02 lakh tons in 2013-14 to 115.17 lakh tons in 2014-15 on account of the increase in the gap between domestic production and demand for edible oils. Due to less and untimely rainfall, the production of oilseeds in the country were affected, resulting in a decrease in the domestic production of edible oils.

(d): No, Madam, no representation has been received in recent past from farmers to enhance the import duty of edible oils.

(e): Does not arise.
